

23 ~~2~~. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
HOSTETLER OF INDIANA, OR HIS DESIGNEE,
DEBATABLE FOR 20 MINUTES:

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1815, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. HOSTETTLER OF INDIANA**

At the end of title X (page 402, after line 22), insert
the following new section:

1 SEC. ____ SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR PERSONS
2 SERVING AS TRANSLATORS WITH UNITED
3 STATES ARMED FORCES.

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of the Immigration
5 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.), subject to
6 subsection (c)(1), the Secretary of Homeland Security
7 may provide an alien described in subsection (b) with the
8 status of a special immigrant under section 101(a)(27) of
9 such Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)), if the alien—

10 (1) files with the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
11 rity a petition under section 204 of such Act (8
12 U.S.C. 1154) for classification under section
13 203(b)(4) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(4)); and

14 (2) is otherwise eligible to receive an immigrant
15 visa and is otherwise admissible to the United States
16 for permanent residence, except in determining such
17 admissibility, the grounds for inadmissibility speci-
18 fied in section 212(a)(4) of such Act (8 U.S.C.
19 1182(a)(4)) shall not apply.



1 (b) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—

2 (1) PRINCIPAL ALIENS.—An alien is described
3 in this subsection if the alien—

4 (A) is a national of Iraq or Afghanistan;

5 (B) worked directly with United States
6 Armed Forces as a translator for a period of at
7 least 12 months;

8 (C) obtained a favorable written rec-
9 ommendation from the first general or flag offi-
10 cer in the chain of command of the United
11 States Armed Forces unit that was supported
12 by the alien; and

13 (D) prior to filing the petition described in
14 subsection (a)(1), cleared a background check
15 and screening, as determined by the first gen-
16 eral or flag officer in the chain of command of
17 the United States Armed Forces unit that was
18 supported by the alien.

19 (2) SPOUSES AND CHILDREN.—An alien is de-
20 scribed in this subsection if the alien is the spouse
21 or child of a principal alien described in paragraph
22 (1), and is following or accompanying to join the
23 principal alien.

24 (c) NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—



1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The total number of prin-
2 cipal aliens who may be provided special immigrant
3 status under this section during any fiscal year shall
4 not exceed 50.

5 (2) COUNTING AGAINST SPECIAL IMMIGRANT
6 CAP.—For purposes of the application of sections
7 201 through 203 of the Immigration and Nationality
8 Act (8 U.S.C. 1151–1153) in any fiscal year, aliens
9 eligible to be provided status under this section shall
10 be treated as special immigrants described in section
11 101(a)(27) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)) who
12 are not described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or
13 (K) of such section.

14 (d) APPLICATION OF IMMIGRATION AND NATION-
15 ALITY ACT PROVISIONS.—The definitions in subsections
16 (a) and (b) of section 101 of the Immigration and Nation-
17 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101) shall apply in the administration
18 of this section.

